Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the areas in Chittur Taluk are supplied from Palghat and the areas in Kunnamkulam are supplied from Chowghat?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* For Chittur, we are still supplied from Palghat. For Kunnamkulam, I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether you get it from B. O. C. or S. O. C.?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* From both.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know Sir, the quantity that we were getting before the war?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* I have not got the exact figures.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What proportion of the normal quantity do you get now?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Roughly about 50 per cent was reduced.

EXPORT OF TAPIOCA POWDER—PARTICULARS OF

152. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is aware that large quantities of tapioca in the form of powder are being exported from the State;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the Travancore Government has prohibited the export of tapioca from Travancore in all forms;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to prohibit the export of tapioca from this State either as raw tapioca or in any manufactured form?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):*

(*a*) There has been export of tapioca in the form of powder from the State. It is difficult to estimate the quantity exported. This has since been reported and brought under control.

(*b*) Yes, except under permits to be issued by the Excise Commissioner.

(*c*) Government have already prohibited the export of tapioca in any form, to any place outside Cochin State except under permit from Government.

SUSPENSION OF A TEACHER IN THE PRIMARY VERNACULAR SCHOOL, MANGAD

153. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was any complaint from Mr. C. I. Verghese, teacher of the Primary Vernacular School, Mangad, that one prostitute was brought over at the instance of the School Manager to assault and insult the teacher on the 22nd, 23rd or 24th of Vrischigam 1118;

(*b*) whether the teacher was suspended and the suspension cancelled subsequently;

(*c*) whether the petition has been enquired into;

(*d*) if there is no petition or complaint in this case, whether Government be pleased to inquire whether any such incident like that happened in this school;

(*e*) whether any officer of the Education Department interfered in this affair and effected a compromise with the teacher and manager;

(*f*) whether the manager of an aided school can suspend a teacher without the sanction of the Departmental Head;

(*g*) whether the Head-master of the school suppressed the petition presented by the teacher thus insulted by the prostitute;

(*h*) whether the people in the village have petitioned the Director to change the management of the institution after this incident;

(*i*) whether any orders have been passed on this petition?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No; but there was a petition from the teacher stating that he was placed under suspension by the Manager without assigning any reason.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No enquiry was made as the teacher was reinstated by the Manager himself before an enquiry could be made. The teacher also did not press for an enquiry, and so the affair was closed after warning the Manager against such unauthorised suspension of teachers.

(*d*) Not necessary in view of the answer to sub-division (*c*) of the question.

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